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OF THE LATE

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In which the Conduct of the several Parties concerned, is impartially considered; the Behaviour of Mr. Marson, as a Justice of the Peace, and Keeper of the Prison, Vindicated, and the Defence of Mr. Mason, Clerk of the Papers, Examined and Refuted,

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Shakespear.

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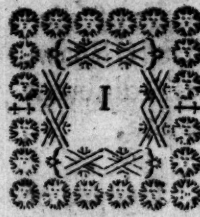


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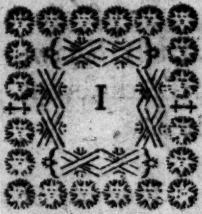


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Concomitant of the other, as Light is the Effect of Heat.

The Cause that lately produced the Effect in the *Marshalsea-Prison* has been differently represented, as the Minds of Men have been biased by Prejudice and Partiality. By some the Prisoners have been charged (how true the Sequel will manifest) with having been guilty of the most riotous and disorderly Behaviour, without the least Cause or Provocation; by others the Prisoners are represented as having acted in a proper and becoming Manner, strictly consonant to the Rule of Right, and in exact Conformity and Subordination to the Civil Laws of the Kingdom. To draw then the Line, is the Intent of the present Publication; to effect which it will not be improper to consider the first Commencement of Acquaintance between Mr. Marson and Mr. Shaw, and the Conduct and Behaviour of the different Parties from that Time to the present Era.

In the Year 1765, Mr. Marson, Keeper of the *Marshalsea-Prison*, by his Indenture of Lease, demised to Mr. Shaw the Office of Deputy-Keeper, with the several Fees and Employments belonging to the same, for the Term of Fourteen Years, (if both Parties should so long live) at the yearly Rent therein mentioned, in which Indenture (amongst other Things) was the Office or Appointment of Clerk of the Papers, with the Fees belonging to

to the same. Some Time after the Execution of the Lease, and Mr. Shaw had entered upon the Duties of his Office, Complaints were exhibited against him to the Court, grounded on his Inattention to the Trust committed unto him; and Negligence in providing proper and convenient Accommodation for the Prisoners, the Result of which, after a candid and impartial Hearing, was the Suspension (*de bene Placito*) of Mr. Shaw from his Office, or Appointment of Deputy-Keeper.

Upon this Suspension it became the indispensable Duty of Mr. Marson to reassume the Management of the Prison, and rectify those Mistakes for which Mr. Shaw had been so justly suspended. The first Step Mr. Marson took upon his Re-assumption, was to provide a proper and necessary Quantity of Bedding, and to prevent Complaints for the future, to accommodate the Prisoners with every Convenience they wanted. At this Time of Mr. Shaw's Suspension, when by a Rule of Court, he was divested of every Power and Authority with respect to the Management of the Prison; he took an Opportunity by himself or Agents to remonstrate to Mr. Marson, relative to the Conditions of the Lease, and complaining of several disadvantageous and oppressive Covenants, hinted a Desire of being disengaged from the Contract. Mr. Marson, unwilling Mr. Shaw should hold Possession of an Employment to which he so evidently appeared incapable and unqualified, readily

assented to a Surrender of the Lease, proposing at the same Time (from a Principle of Benevolence) such Terms as no Man, but Mr. Shaw, circumstanced as he was, would have chearfully embraced, such Terms as few Men, but Mr. Marson, would have so generously offered: But in Mr. Shaw the old Proverb was strictly verified; Obstinacy never wants Woe. Mr. Shaw, under the Influence of a jealous Spirit, suspecting Mr. Marson to act from other Principles than those of Friendship and Benevolence, positively refused to surrender up his Lease; and although he had frequently by himself and Agents, solicited to be discharged from the Obligations thereof; how sudden the Transition! he vehemently contended for an uninterrupted Possession during the Residue of the Term.

Various Meetings by the Appointment of both Parties were had, in Order to reconcile and adjust the Difference between them, and in the Month of *April*, 1768, so efficacious was the Interposition of Friends, that Mr. Shaw's Suspension at the particular Instance of Mr. Marson, was taken off, and the Conduct and Management of the Prison once more committed unto him, with absolute Power and Authority to nominate and appoint his own Officers.

The Clerk of the Papers, no inconsiderable Employment in the Prison, had for many Years been executed by Mr. Preston, an Attorney at Law,

Law, a Gentleman thoroughly conversant with the Duties of the Office, but as a Misunderstanding had for some Time subsisted between that Gentleman and Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Shaw having repeatedly declared, that the Cause of almost every Complaint that had been exhibited against him, terminating in his Suspension, was the not having a Clerk of his own Appointment, who would act in Subordination to him; it was agreed between Mr. Marson and Mr. Shaw, that Mr. Preston should be immediately removed, and a Friend of Mr. Shaw's appointed to succeed him; the Person named by Mr. Shaw, and appointed by Mr. Marson, was Mr. Mason: Mr. Hall, the Upper Turnkey, was also displaced, and the Key with the Management of the Lodge given to Mr. Hough. For a short Time after this Arrangement, every Officer employed in the Direction of the Prison appeared anxiously desirous to discharge the Duties of his Office; and from the best Intelligence I have been able to receive, had not Jealousy, the Evidence and Fruit of a weak degenerate Mind taken Possession of Mr. Shaw, and engrossed the whole Man, the late melancholy Disturbance in the *Marshalsea-Prison* had never happened.

The fatal Cause of that unhappy Catastrophe, as I have been informed from undoubted Authority, was this: — Some Time in the Month of July, 1768, Danby Pickering, Esq; Deputy Steward of His Majesty's Palace Court, was pleased

ed on Account of some Disturbances that had lately happened in the Prison, and on the Motion of Mr. Kelfall, one of the Attornies of the Court, to direct Mr. Marson, Keeper of the Prison, to open a new Way or Entrance into the Court Room from King Street, for the Accommodation of such Persons as might have Business to do at the Court: This Order it was apprehended by many Prisoners, if carried into Execution would be productive of many Inconveniencies; whereupon a Memorial drawn up by the Prisoners, and addressed to Levet Blackburn, Esq; Steward of the Court, was at the special instance of the Prisoners, presented to Mr. Blackburn by Mr. Hough. Mr. Blackburn considering the Nature of the Memorial, and the Propriety of the Reasons therein, assigned for the not making the new Way a Public one; was pleased to consent that the new Way should be considered only as a Private Way, to be used occasionally, unless the future Conduct and Behaviour of the Prisoners rendered a public Way necessary and expedient.

This Determination, by the Direction of Mr. Blackburn, was communicated by Mr. Hough, to Mr. Marson and Shaw, the latter of whom the Deputy Keeper of the Prison, whose Duty it was to pay and implicit Obedience to every Order of Court, positively refused complying therewith, and publickly declared his determined Resolution to oppose every Step that should be taken to carry the same into Execution, intimating to Mr. Hough, that

that as he held an Employment under him as Deputy Keeper of the Prison, he expected not only to find Mr. Hough coincide in Sentiment with him, but implicitly act in Subordination to him. Undaunted by Menaces, and greatly desirous to discharge the Duties of his Office, leaving Mr. Shaw to act as he should think proper; Mr. Hough, immediately engaged with Mr. Marson, and acting from a Principle of Obedience, determined to do every Thing in his Power to facilitate the Work, and carry the Order of Court into Execution. This Conduct of Mr. Hough's, so highly irritating to Mr. Shaw, as being repugnant to his Sentiments, produced a Resolution in Mr. Shaw, to remove Mr. Hough from the Key, and had his Behaviour on that Occasion been regulated by Prudence and Discretion, Mr. Hough would have had no reasonable Grounds for Complaint, but such was his Malice and Resentment, that he resolved to pursue every rigorous and oppressive Measure, and satiate his Revenge in Mr. Hough's Ruin and Destruction. The Method he took to compleat his Design, was to Arrest Mr. Hough at his own Suit, by a Writ issuing from the Borough Court. The Particulars of which Transaction are briefly these.

Several Prisoners having been under Confinement a considerable Time, had obtained their Discharges, but were detained in Custody for their Fees and Lodgings: Mr. Hough pitying their Distress, and placing Confidence in their Integrity, caused

caused them to be set at Liberty, and became responsible to Mr. Shaw for their Fees and Lodgings.

On Friday, the 19th of August, 1768, about Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, Michael Shaw, Son of the Deputy Keeper, came to Mr. Hough in the Court-Room, during the Setting of the Court, and after some Conversation addressed him in the following Words, "Mr. Hough, I know you are very good natured and ready to oblige; Mr. Marson sets out early Tomorrow Morning for Rochester, to visit my Father; I should therefore consider it a singular Favour, if you would settle the Books to Night, to which Mr. Hough answered in the Affirmative, and at the Breaking up of the Court settled the Books accordingly, at the same Time intimating to Mr. Shaw, that the Account for Fees and Lodgings of the several Persons who had been discharged out of Prison upon their Parole could not then be paid, as he had not received any Part of the Money, but that at all Events, however inattentive others might be to their Promise, he would certainly settle the Account in a Fortnight or three Weeks at farthest;" this was readily assented unto on the Part of Mr. Shaw, who, on taking his Leave of Mr. Hough, departed seemingly satisfied. About two Hours afterwards Mr. Hough being then in the Prison, received a Message desiring his immediate Attendance on Mr. Marson at the Bull, a Public House opposite the Prison; Mr. Hough supposing it to

fit to be upon Business of Importance, and not having the least Suspicion of the Treachery intended, readily obeyed the Summons; but upon going into the House was arrested at the Suit of Mr. Shaw, by one Benton, a Borough Court Officer.

Mr. Marson being then at the Bull, in Company with several Gentlemen belonging to the Court, upon being acquainted with the Affair, became responsible to the Officer for Mr. Hough's Appearance; at the same Time Michael Shaw (in the Presence of Mr. Marson) delivered to Mr. Hough a Paper Writing, signed *Thomas Shaw*, purporting to be an Order of Dismission of Mr. Hough from the Custody of the Key, and the Furniture belonging to the Prison, but omitted to deliver up his Security Bond: Mr. Hough in this critical Situation of Affairs, fearing to involve his Securities in any Difficulty or Trouble, consulted the Opinion (with respect to his future Conduct) of several Gentlemen of the Law belonging to the Court, who jointly advised him to keep Possession of the Key until the next Court Day, and until his Security Bond was delivered up or cancelled. In Obedience to their Advice, Mr. Hough repaired to the Prison, where he found the Key had been taken from Thomas Davis, the Under Turnkey, and delivered by Michael Shaw into the Custody of Mr. Barbor, the Person who kept the Tap belonging to the Prison. The Appearance of Mr. Hough at a Time so unthought of,

and so unwished for, naturally created much Confusion in the Mind of Shaw, who fondly imagined he had compleated Mr. Hough's Ruin, or at least accomplished his Removal from the Key; but thus it frequently happens, that the Pit which some Men dig for others, by the Permission of Providence, they fall into themselves; so it happened with Mr. Shaw. As soon as Mr. Hough obtained Admission into the Lodge, he retired into the Prison, to communicate to the Prisoners, the base and ungenerous Treatment he had received, and request their immediate Assistance (in Case of Opposition) to Repossess the Key. Relying on their Friendship, and resolved to pursue the Direction of those whose Advice he had taken, he repaired to the Lodge, and demanded of Mr. Barbor a Surrender of the Key; Mr. Barbor, unwilling to part with a Charge committed unto him by Mr. Shaw, positively refused, but Mr. Hough persisting in his Demand, and Mr. Barbor perceiving the Prisoners resolute to support it, prudently resigned the Key into the Custody of Mr. Hough, who deposited the same into the Care of Thomas Davis, the Under Turnkey; soon after several Prisoners assembled together, and in the Heat of Liquor and Resentment, broke several Windows in Mr. Shaw's House, and did some other Damage: Mr. Hough hearing of the Assault, went into the Prison, and addressing himself to the Prisoners, entreated them to desist, that he was infinitely obliged to them for their Friendship and Support, and desired

fired them to depart in Peace and Quietness, leaving the Issue of the Dispute between him and Mr. Shaw to the Opinion of the Court.

Mr. Marson being informed by some of Mr. Shaw's Family of the Disturbance, came to the Prison, and used every Argument in his Power to persuade them to dismiss; his Presence was seasonable, his Arguments forcible, in a small Space of Time the Prisoners dispersed, and the Prison became in a state of Peace and Tranquillity.

Mr. Marson continued in the Prison till past Twelve o'Clock, and then departed, leaving this Admonition upon the Prisoners Minds, to preserve Decency and Order. The next Morning about Eight o'Clock, Mr. Hough going into the Strong Room Yard to release a Person, who had been confined by Order of Mr. Marson, for a gross Misdemeanour, was followed by several Prisoners, who finding some Wood belonging to a Pigeon-house, which had been demolished on the preceeding Night, brought it into the Yard, and in a Place of Safety from Fire, burnt it. The remaining Part of the Day all was quiet from Riot and Disturbance.

About half an Hour after Ten o'Clock at Night, several Persons supposed to the Number of Twenty, assembled in the House of Mr. Shaw, the Deputy-Keeper, loaded with Fire Arms and other offensive Weapons, (the Prison at that Time be-

ing free from every Appearance of Tumult and Disorder) who in order to provoke and irritate the Prisoners threw Stones and Glafs out of the Window from a Room in which Mr. Shaw used to lay.

The Prisoners exasperated at such Treatment, returned the Assault with Stones and Brickbats; the Firing then begun, and continued till past Three o'Clock on Sunday Morning, eight Persons were Wounded, two dangerously; Mr. Marlon being in the Country at the beginning of the Disturbance, was sent for Express, and arrived in Town on Sunday Morning about Three o'Clock.

On his Arrival, his first Attempt was to get into the Prison, but his Design was frustrated, a Group of the most horrible and abandoned Fellows had taken Possession of the Pass leading to the Prison, threatening Death and Destruction to all who should approach it.

About Six o'Clock Mr. Marlon got Admittance into the Prison, when being informed by many Prisoners, who were Spectators of the whole Transaction, with the Circumstance of the Case, he immediately sent to Messrs Levy and Capel, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Surry, requesting their Attendance in the Marshalsea Prison.

Warrants were issued for apprehending the Delinquents,

Delinquents, several of whom were soon after taken, and in Particular Mr. Mason, Clerk of the Papers. Witnesses were examined in Support of the Charge, who positively swore to Mr. Mason's being present, three in particular to his appearing with Fire Arms, and one to his paying Money to the Men hired. Mr. Mason being called upon to make his Defence, absolutely denied being present at the Transaction, till between the Hours of Twelve and One; that he used every Argument in his Power to persuade the People not to fire, unless with Powder only, and that not to wound but terrify the Prisoners who were endeavouring to Escape out of Prison, having provided themselves with Fire Arms for that Purpose.

Several Persons were called to Support this Defence, who upon their Examination clearly appeared to have been busy Actors in the Bloody Scene.

The Justices, whose Conduct upon this Occasion, deservedly merits the highest Approbation and Esteem, after giving a Candid and Impartial Hearing to all the Parties who were examined, as well in Support of the Charge, as in Justification of Mr. Mason's Conduct, and seriously weighing that Part of the Evidence respecting the Refutation of Mr. Mason's Defence, as to the Prisoners having Fire Arms, and the exact Time of Mr. Mason's being seen in Company with these Enemies

mies to Peace and Violators of the Law sufficiently ascertained to the absolute Contradiction of a vague Defence supported by Witnesses as Culpable as himself, were pleased to Commit Mr. Mason with several others to the County Goal.

On the succeeding Friday, the 26th of August, Mr. Shaw, on account of his Misapplication of Charity Money, Inattention to Duty, and other Offences, was a second Time by an Order of Court, suspended from having any Thing to do with the Management of the Prison; and by the same Order of Court, the absolute Direction and Government of the Prisoners committed to Mr. Mason, who in Consequence thereof, and in Obedience thereto, took upon him the Conduct and Management accordingly.

On Saturday, the first of October, Mr. Mason by Virtue of a Habeas Corpus, was brought before Lord Mansfield, at his House in Bloomsbury-Square, in Order to be bail'd, when as a Foundation for such Application, the Affidavit of Mr. Mason was Read, in which were several palpable and glaring Contradictions to the Defence made at his first Examination, and an Assertion of some Transactions not strictly agreeable to the Word of Truth: Non Correspondance or want of Conformity in the Defence made on the Examination before the Justices, and the Affidavit exhibited before Lord Mansfield, are striking Implications of intended Imposition; what Credit ought there

to be given to a Testimony so circumstanced, is submitted to the Consideration of the impartial Reader. No absolute Charge with respect to Firing appearing by the Depositions, to be made against Mr. Mason, his Lordship was pleased to admit Mr. Mason to Bail; tho' Circumstances strong and numerous, might warrant a Suspicion of his being a principal Performer.

Least the curious Reader should be desirous to know what Part the Deputy Keeper's Son, Michael Shaw (to whom how worthily on his Part, and how wisely on his Father's, was committed the Management of the Prison) acted in this Night of Horror and Confusion, I have annexed the several Depositions respecting the Affair, as taken before the Justices, Levy and Capel. The Situation of Men, unless under certain criminal Circumstances, with respect to their Attestations is no Impeachment of their Veracity, and tho' much Pains has been taken to prejudice the Public against the Testimony of the Prisoners, whose Depositions are now exhibited; yet when the impartial Reader, to whom this Narrative is submitted, observes how exactly the several Attestations coincide or harmonize together, the Truth it is apprehended will appear too evident to be refused.

These simple Truths or Matters of Fact, wanting in every Thing but their Reality, are publish'd to answer no other End, but to refute the  
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Misrepresentations with which the Public have been amused, and place the Transaction terrible, as it was in a clear and faithful point of View; if this End is answered, the grand Object of all Publications, a singular Happiness and Satisfaction will result.

To the WRITER.

## The Depositions referred to by the foregoing Narrative.

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to wit. don, a Prisoner, in the *Marshal-*  
*sea-Prison*, who being duly Sworn  
upon his Oath, saith, That about Half an Hour  
past Ten at Night, of Saturday last, he was sit-  
ting in the Lodge, two Persons to him unknown,  
came in to light a Candle, and asked for Mr.  
Shaw's People; and soon after John Welch came  
into the Lodge, and said, there were several Peo-  
ple arm'd, gone into Mr. Shaw's House, and then  
went to give Mr. Hough Notice of it. Mr.  
Hough soon after came into the Lodge, desired  
the People to be easy, and he would see what the  
People at Mr. Shaw's wanted. This Deponent  
desired Mr. Hough would not go out, for that as  
he knew Shaw's People had a Pique against him,  
they might do him some Mischief: He, this De-  
ponent, then went into the Yard, and saw a Pistol  
tired from Mr. Shaw's; that there were then very  
few People in the Yard. This Deponent then  
called

called to Thomas Shaw, and said, You bloody minded Dog, are you going to Murder the Prisoners, that have nothing to defend themselves? that Thomas Shaw answered, Damn you, Trudon, I know your Voice, you shall be levelled this Night, and afterwards some Pieces were fired; that he saw William Telfer and John Davis there, but does not remember whether they had any Arms or other offensive Weapons; that about one or two in the Morning, he also saw John Bowrey with a Pistol, or some Fire Arms in his Hand; and he heard a Person whom he believes to be John Telfer, say, Damn you Fire! we will drive them all, and what is left, we will put in Irons, and take them to the New Goal? And about five or Six of the Clock on the Sunday Morning, he saw Thomas Mason, Michael Shaw, and Thomas Shaw, but that there was no Firing or Outrage after that Time.

RICHARD TRUDON.

Surrey, to wit. } THE Information of John Hough, of the *Marshalsea-Prison*, in the Borough of Southwark, who being duly Sworn upon his Oath, saith, That about Half an Hour after Ten o'Clock at Night, on Saturday the Twentieth Day of August, Instant, he was upon the Bed, John Welch came to him, and told him, there were several Persons with Fire Arms gone into Mr. Shaw's House, he said it was very well, he would come down immediately, but a Prisoner coming in,  
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told him not to come out of the Lodge, for that the Prisoners were able to defend themselves; however, he came down to the Lodge, and pushed into the Prison, when a Pistol was fired from Mr. Shaw's House; he then went into the Fives Ground, and returned at the middle Door opposite the Bar, and so to the Lodge, when a second Pistol was fired from Mr. Shaw's; that at the Time of his going to lay down upon the Bed, which was about Nine o'Clock at Night, the Prison was in a perfect State of Tranquillity, in the same State he found it, when he was informed of Persons being in Shaw's House with the Fire Arms.

## JOHN HOUGH.

*Surrey, }  
to wit. }* **T**HE Information of James Dean, that on Saturday about Eleven o'Clock at Night, he was in the Lodge, and hearing a Pistol fired, went immediately into the Prison, and standing at the Lodge Door, saw (by a Candle placed at some Distance from them) Thomas and Michael Shaw, each of them with a Pistol; having stood there about a Minute, he saw the Blaze of a Pistol hanging in the Pan of one of the Shaws, which, he cannot particularize, but instantly fell backwards in Order to elude the Consequence of an Instrument, which seemed levelled towards the Lodge Door; Mr. Hough then going into the Lodge, upon rising up, he took up Part of a Brick, and stepping up to the Window, threw it in with as much Violence

as he could, when another Pistol was fired, which he returned with a Stone; he then looked after another Stone, and having found one, opposite Mr. Barbor's Door, threw that from thence, but upon his immediate Delivery thereof, felt an uncommon Shock, particularly that of Strangulation, but did not wonder long, the Report of a Gun soon discovered to him the Cause of so momentary a Change.

JAMES DEAN.

Surrey, } THE Information of Michael Moreau, a Prisoner in the *Marshalsea-Prison*, who upon his Oath saith, That between the Hours of Five and Six, on Sunday Morning last, he was standing at the Gateway, in the *Marshalsea-Yard*, and saw Michael Shaw, Thomas Shaw, Thomas Mason, John Telfer, and Parker, in Shaw's Room, and heard John Telfer say, he would go home; Mr. Mason said, do not yet; Telfer then asked who was to pay him for his Trouble, and Mr. Mason said, if Mr. Shaw did not, he would.

MICHAEL MOREAU.

Surrey, } THE Information of Henry Williams, a Prisoner in the *Marshalsea-Prison*, who being duly Sworn upon his Oath, saith, That near the Hour of Twelve, on Saturday Night last, he was standing in the Gallery near Mr. Shaw's House, and listen-

ing what they were doing, or saying, a Pistol was fired, and by the Light of the Flash, he saw Thomas Mason (with three or four other Persons) with a Pistol in his Hand; that he, this Deponent, was then wounded in his Breast and Arm with Shot, but does not know any other of the Persons, that were then in Company with Mr. Mason, at the Time the Pistol was fired, which wounded this Deponent. *HENRY WILLIAMS.*

*Surrey.* } **T**HE Information of Elizabeth Coleborne, a Prisoner in the *Marshalsea-Prison*, who, upon Oath faith, That on Saturday Night last, a little after Ten, the Prisoners in the *Marshalsea-Prison*, were then very orderly and quiet, when Stones and Glasse were thrown at them from Mr. Shaw's Window, which were returned by some of the Prisoners, and immediately the Prisoners were fired upon by some Persons from Mr. Shaw's, but she does not know by whom, and that a little after Twelve the Firing still continuing, she saw Thomas Mason in Mr. Shaw's one Pair of Stairs Room, and soon after a Pistol or other Thing being fired, she heard Henry Williams complain he was wounded, but she does not know by whom.

*ELIZABETH COLEBORNE.*

*Surrey.* } **T**HE Information of Francis Pycroft, a Prisoner in the *Marshalsea-Prison*, who upon his Oath faith, That five Minutes before Two o'Clock, on Sunday

day Morning last, hearing several Pieces fired in the *Marshalsea*, he got up, and looking to Mr. Shaw's, he saw Thomas Mason, and Michael Shaw, standing at the Garret Window with Fire Arms, but did not see either of them fire, and then being cold he went to Bed, and soon after heard two Pieces fired from that Window where he saw them standing, to wit, the Garret Window facing the Fives Ground, for that he then saw the Flashes of Light from that Window

FRANCIS PYCROFT.

Surrey, } THE Information and voluntary  
to wit. } Confession of John Parker, of the  
New-Alley, in the Parish of Saint  
George, Southwark, in the County of Surrey;  
Weaver, who being duly Sworn upon his Oath  
faith, That between Twelve and One of the Clock  
on Sunday Morning last, he was passing by the  
*Marshalsea-Gateway*, he observed a Parcel of Peo-  
ple standing, whom he asked what was the Mat-  
ter; Michael Shaw came up to him, and desired  
that he, this Deponent, would go and assist him, for  
that the Prisoners had broke into his Father's A-  
partment, and done a great deal of Damage; that  
he then went with Michael Shaw up to his A-  
partment, when he saw three Persons, namely,  
John Quare, Christopher Smith, and John Goslett,  
loading two Pistols and a Blunderbuts with Shot  
and broken Glasß Bottles, and Thomas Shaw there  
pounding Glasß for that Purpose; that Quare,  
Smith,

Smith, and Goslet, seem'd much in Liquor, and then came down Stairs, and discharged the Pieces out of the Passage Window, into the Prison Yard, by the direction of Michael Shaw and Thomas Shaw, that they then returned up Stairs and again loaded, and Fired the same out of Mr. Shaw's one Pair of Stairs Room; this Deponent said, what do you Fire at, I see No-body; but they said, that they, meaning the Prisoners had been rioting, and they would keep up the Firing, that the Prisoners should not think them asleep; upon this he went down Stairs, and then met Mr. Mason coming running, who said, Mr. Parker, for God's sake who is that firing; and being answered by the Deponent, that it was those drinking Fellows, which they had got up Stairs; Mr. Mason went up Stairs, and said, Gentlemen, I do not see any Rioting or Disturbance in the Prison, I would have you leave off firing, and then pushed a Person out of the Room, whom they called Silver Heels, and planted this Deponent at the Stair-foot Door, and charged him not to let any Body go up. He attended till about Three in the Morning, and then Mr. Mason and he went up Stairs, when Mr. Mason gave him five Shillings for Guarding the Door, and Michael Shaw gave him five Shillings and Three-pence. That three Men came up to Michael Shaw, and Mr. Mason, and said that all was quiet, that they might go home, but asked who was to pay them; Michael Shaw asked Mr. Mason if he had any Silver, and being answered no; Mr. Mason gave Michael Shaw some Gold to change,

Change, and upon his Return, Michael Shaw gave those Persons Money; and he farther upon his Oath saith, That he saw Michael Shaw, and Thomas Shaw, load some of the Pieces for the Persons to fire, and which were accordingly fired; that Michael Shaw and Thomas Shaw, placed this Deponent at the Passage Door, and directed him if he saw any of the Prisoners come near the Lodge, to be sure and fire at them; that Thomas Shaw said he heard them coming, and bid Smith and Quare fire, which they accordingly did, but this Deponent refused to fire; that he heard Christopher Smith say, Damn you, we have a fine Night of it, we are to receive a Guinea each? that he saw William Telfer come out of Mr. Shaw's Room with a Pistol in his Hand, and John Telfer upon the Stairs with a naked Hanger.

The + Mark of  
JOHN PARKER.

Surrey, } THE Information of Benjamin Bird,  
to wit. } of the *Marshalsea-Prison*, who upon his Oath saith, That about Two of the Clock of Sunday Morning last, he saw John Bowrey, the Prisoner present, in Mr. Shaw's Room with some Fire Arms, which appeared to be longer than a common Pistol, but not so long as a Gun, which he saw him present, and soon after a Piece was discharged; and he then saw Bowrey go from the Window to the Stair-Case, with the same Piece in his Hand: And he further upon his Oath saith, That about Three o'Clock the same Morning,

Morning, he saw Richard Coleby with a Pistol, which Michael Shaw asked him for, and said, We will charge with Ball? Aye, says Coleby, or else they will laugh at Small Shot?

### BENJAMIN BIRD.

Surrey, } THE Information of Henry Chant,  
to wit. } a Prisoner in the *Marshalsea Prison*,  
who upon his Oath saith, That on  
Saturday Night last about Eight o'Clock, he went  
into the Wine Room, and continued there till  
about half an Hour after Ten, when hearing a  
Noise of Stones and Glasse he came to the Door;  
that two Pistols were fired from Mr. Shaw's Win-  
dow, one of the Prisoners then serving Beer,  
cried out that he was Murdered, and several  
other pieces were afterwards discharged, so that  
he could not get home with Safety to his Apart-  
ment, till about two o'Clock on Sunday Morning,  
when getting at the Stairs, he said, this is a very  
improper Method, Gentlemen, which you take  
(meaning those that fired.) They asked him his  
Name, which he told them, and he desired  
they would suffer him to talk to them, which be-  
ing consented to, he went to the Window, when  
John Telfer run down Stairs, and said, God damn  
you, why do not you fire and blow their Brains  
out? as also said John Bowrey; that John Parker,  
put a Blunderbuss to his Breast, and bid him be  
gone; or else he would blow his Brains out. He  
saw another Person with two Pistols in his Hands,  
whose

whose Name he does not remember, but does not know any thing of any other Persons then present; and that whilst this Deponent was talking at the Window, a Stone was thrown by some of the Prisoners, which hit him, and he called to them not to throw any more.

HENRY CHANT.

Surrey, } THE Information of James Collins,  
to wit. } of the Parish of Saint George's,  
Southwark, in the County of  
Surrey, Labourer, who upon his Oath, saith,  
That between the Hours of Ten and Eleven at  
Night, of Saturday last, he heard there was a Dis-  
turbance at the *Marshalsea-Prison*; he came under  
the Gateway, saw Thomas Mason, Thomas  
Shaw, and Michael Shaw go up Stairs, into Mr.  
Shaw's House, and soon after Michael Shaw,  
Thomas Shaw, and a Servant to Mr. Reddish re-  
turned down Stairs with Fire-Arms, which they  
loaded in the Passage, and then went up Stairs,  
and he heard them fire. Reddish's Servant stood  
at the Door, and swore if any came out, he would  
surely Shoot them; and that he soon after went  
away, as he lodg'd in his Master's Stables, the  
same was to be lock'd up; that he is well as-  
sured, that he saw Mr. Reddish's Servant, and  
some other of the Persons, put broken Glasse into  
the Fire-Arms at charging the same.

JAMES COLLINS.

Surrey,

*Surrey,* } THE Information of John Welch,  
 to wit. } in the Custody of the Keeper of  
 the *Marshalsea-Prison*, of the Bo-  
 rough of Southwark, in the County of Surrey,  
 who being duly Sworn upon his Oath faith, That  
 about Ten o'Clock at Night, of Saturday the  
 Twentieth Day of August Instant, John Telfer,  
 with two or three Persons well dressed, brought  
 a Candle, which they ask'd to Light, and where  
 was Mr. Shaw's People, and being told were over  
 the Way, they were shew'd the House; that one  
 of the Persons said, God, damn my Blood, I'll  
 have my Revenge upon some Body this Night?  
 That this Deponent went to fetch a Pint of Beer,  
 and upon his Return observed eight or nine Per-  
 sons go up Stairs with a lighted Candle, arm'd with  
 Pistols and Cutlasses; about a Quarter of an Hour  
 afterwards, a Brick and some Pieces of Glasse were  
 thrown out of a Window in Mr. Shaw's Room,  
 at the Prisoners then drinking and sitting in the  
 Yard and Singing; one ask'd who threw it,  
 but no Answer was made, and soon after two Pistols  
 were fired from the Windows of Mr. Shaw's A-  
 partment, when the Prisoners getting up, bid them  
 fire away for cowardly Scoundrels; several other  
 Pieces were then discharged, and this Deponent,  
 his Wife, and several other Persons were wounded;  
 and that he saw Michael Shaw fire one Pistol, but  
 does not remember any of the Rest; and he fur-  
 ther upon his Oath, faith, That during the whole  
 Day of Saturday after Six in the Morning and  
 that the Evening, until the Stone was thrown from  
 Mr.

Mr. Shaw's Windows, the Prisoners were perfectly quiet, and had offered no Violence, Outrage, or Misdemeanour whatever.

The † Mark of

JOHN WELCH.

Surrey, } **N**ICHOLAS MUNCKLEY, Doctor in Physick, maketh Oath, that he has now-visited a Person in the *Marshalsea-Prison*, who, appears to have received some Shot about his Body, and that he does not think him out of Danger, and that he is informed the Person's Name is John Noakes.

NICHOLAS MUNCKLEY.

**W**ILLIAM UNDERWOOD, of the Parish of Saint George, Southwark, in the County of Surrey, Surgeon, maketh Oath, That he has examined John Noakes in the *Marshalsea-Prison*, that he has received a Wound in his Body, which seems to him to have been done by Shot, and that he does not think him out of Danger.

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD.

**I**SAAC STAPLETON, of the Parish of Saint George, Southwark, in the County of Surrey, Surgeon, maketh Oath, that he has examined John Noakes, a Prisoner in the *Marshalsea*, and finds

finds that he has received a Wound in his Body, which seem to have been done by a Shot, and that he does not think him, John Noakes, to be out of Danger.

ISAAC STAPLETON  
JOHN WELCH

NICHOLAS MUNCKLEY, Doc-  
tor in Physick, maketh Oath, that  
he has now visited a Person in the  
County of Surrey, who appears to have received  
a Wound about his Side, and does not think  
him out of Danger, and that he is informed the  
Person's Name is John Noakes.

NICHOLAS MUNCKLEY,  
WILLIAM LIVERWOOD, of the Parish  
of Saint George, Southwark, in the County  
of Surrey, maketh Oath, That  
he has examined the Person, and that he has  
examined the Wound, and that he does not think  
him out of Danger.

WILLIAM LIVERWOOD,  
ISAAC STAPLETON, of the Parish of Saint  
George, Southwark, in the County of Surrey,  
maketh Oath, that he has examined  
the Person, and that he does not think  
him out of Danger.

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